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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE CONFIDENCE-BUILDING

-- MEASURES: GUIDANCE ON PRESS INQUIRIES

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1. IN REPLY TO PRESS INQUIRIES WHICH MAY ARISE FROM MICHAEL

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GETLER ARTICLE ON CSCE CBMS DATELINED BONN OCTOBER 24 AND

PRINTED IN WASHINGTON POST OCTOBER 28 (WE UNDERSTAND ARTICLE ALSO APPEARED IN INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE ON OCTOBER 25) YOU SHOULD FOLLOW LINE AGREED IN NATO POLADS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 25 (PARA 4, REFTTEL), DRAWING AS APPROPRIATE ON FOLLOWING:

- --THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE CONTAINS A POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG U.S., CANADA, AND EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS THAT MANEUVERS IN EUROPE OVER 25,000 TROOPS SHOULD BE NOTIFIED TO ALL OTHERS IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. THE FINAL ACT ALSO PROVIDES THAT SMALLER MANEUVERS MAY BE NOTIFIED, BUT THIS PROVISION IS NOT OBLIGATORY.

- --SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE HELSINKI DOCUMENTS, THE U.S. AND NATO ALLIES HAVE DULY NOTIFIED SEVERAL ROUTINE

TRAINING MANEUVERS, RANGING IN SIZE FROM ABOUT 10,000 TO ABOUT 50,000 TROOPS. THESE MANEUVERS ARE PART OF AN OVERALL EXERCISE PLAN DESIGNATED "AUTUMN FORGE." THE MANEUVERS WERE PLANNED LONG BEFORE HELSINKI, AND GENERALLY FOLLOW ALLIED TRAINING PATTERNS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

- -- IN ADDITION TO NOTIFYING MANEUVERS, FRG TOGETHER WITH US AND CANADA INVITED OBSERVERS TO FIELD MANEUVER PORTION OF REFORGER/75 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANOTHER CSCE RECOMMENDATION.

- -- US THUS BELIEVES ITS PERFORMANCE TO DATE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF HELSINKI "CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES," AND HOPES THAT ALL OTHER CSCE PARTICIPANTS WILL APPROACH IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES IN A SIMILAR POSITIVE FASHION.

2. IF ASKED, YOU MAY ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

- -- IN ADDITION TO ALLIES, YUGOSLAVIA AND SWITZERLAND HAVE PROVIDED NOTIFICATION OF IMPENDING MANEUVERS, AND WE UNDERSTAND SWITZERLAND PLANS TO INVITE OBSERVERS.

- -- AS OF OCTOBER 24, NO NOTIFICATIONS OF ANY WARSAW CONFIDENTIAL

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PACT MANEUVERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

- -- COUNTRIES WHICH SENT OBSERVERS TO MANEUVER PHASE OF REFORGER INCLUDED AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, GREECE, IRELAND, ITALY, MALTA, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, UNITED KINGDOM, AND YUGOSLAVIA.

3. IF ASKED WHETHER WP HAS FAILED TO NOTIFY MANEUVERS

OVER 25,000 TROOPS, YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT WE HAVE NO
GROUNDS FOR BELIEVING THEY HAVE DONE SO. YOU SHOULD
DECLINE TO COMMENT ON FURTHER INQUIRIES, IN PARTICULAR
SPECULATIVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WP POLICY ON MANEUVERS AND
WHY WP MEMBERS FAILED TO REPLY TO INVITATIONS TO SEND
OBSERVERS TO REFORGER.

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